

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-9 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claim 5 contains allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 5. Claims 3 and 5 are canceled, and claim 4 is amended to depend from claim 1.

As amended, independent claim 1 contains the allowable subject matter recited in claim 5. Thus, claim 1, and claims 2, 4 and 6-9 depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the priority document submitted with Claim for Foreign Priority on April 19, 2004.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return an initialed copy of, the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the January 27, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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